

## ABSTRACT

A thermal printhead (A1) includes a substrate (1) and a  
5 plurality of heat-producing resistance sections (30) provided  
on the substrate (1). The heat-producing resistance sections  
(30) melt ink of an ink ribbon, which is transferred together  
with a recording sheet, to transfer the ink onto the recording  
sheet. An inequality surface region (7) is provided downstream  
10 from the heat-producing resistance sections (30) in a secondary  
scanning direction (x) which is the transfer direction of the  
ink ribbon. The inequality surface region includes a plurality  
of projections (70) each of which extends in the secondary  
scanning direction (x) and which are aligned at predetermined  
15 intervals in a primary scanning direction (y) which is  
perpendicular to the secondary scanning direction (x).